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POLICY

Family Screening Tool

(Call Screening)

Policy

The Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth, and Families (OCYF) Call Screening Department will employ the Allegheny Family Screening Tool as one of the tools used in determining a screening decision for all incoming referrals.

Philosophy and Purpose

The Family Screening Tool weighs hundreds of characteristics to offer an estimate of the referral's similarity to past referrals that went on to result in out-of-home placement or repeat referrals for children and families.

Families are unique and have specific characteristics, strengths, and challenges that the model is not designed to consider; therefore, while the model is predictive and can help inform decision-making, it should never be used to displace clinical judgment.

Policy History

This policy is a living document and is subject to change. This section lists revised versions of the policy, organized in reverse chronological order, in order to track changes over time.

In addition, this policy will be reviewed (enter review timeframe).

Below are the changes to this policy since its adoption.

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